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Examiner

JOSHUA JOO

Applicant(s)

DENNEY ET AL.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

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3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Nathan J. Flynn/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2154

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone conversation with Owen J. Gamon, Reg. No. 36,143 on September 10, 2008.

2. The application is amended as follows:

Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving by an e-mail application an e-mail from a client, wherein the e-mail comprises [[a]] at least one recipient identifier, wherein the at least one recipient identifier identifies an intended recipient of the e-mail;

determining by the e-mail application whether each recipient identifier including the at least one [[the]] recipient identifier in the e-mail that identifies the intended recipient of the e-mail comprises an e-mail address;

in response to the determining, for the each recipient identifier in the e-mail:
if a recipient identifier does not comprise an e-mail address, if the recipient identifier in the e-mail that identifies the intended recipient of the e-mail does not comprises the e-mail address, removing the recipient identifier that does not comprise an e-mail address from the e-mail, printing the e-mail, printing postage on an envelop, printing a street address associated with the recipient identifier on the envelop, and subtracting a cost of the postage from an account associated with an originator of the e-mail;
and

~~in response to the determining, if the recipient identifier in the e-mail comprises the e-mail address, retaining the recipient identifier in the e-mail;~~

~~sending the e-mail, if the e-mail comprises the e-mail address; and~~

~~sending the e-mail, if any other recipient identifier remains in the e-mail after the removing.~~

~~if a recipient identifier does comprise an e-mail address, retaining the recipient identifier comprising the e-mail address in the email;~~

~~wherein the removing, the printing of the postage, the printing of the street address, the subtracting, and the retaining are performed by the email application; and~~

~~sending by the e-mail application the e-mail to recipient identifiers retained in the e-mail if any recipient identifier comprising an e-mail address is retained in the e-mail after the determining and the removing.~~

11. (Currently Amended) A storage medium encoded with instructions, wherein the instructions perform steps comprising of: ~~of when executed comprise:~~

receiving by an e-mail application an e-mail from a client, wherein the e-mail comprises [[a]] at least one recipient identifier, wherein the at least one recipient identifier identifies an intended recipient of the e-mail;

determining by the e-mail application whether each recipient identifier including the at least one [[the]] recipient identifier in the e-mail that identifies the intended recipient of the e-mail comprises an e-mail address;

in response to the determining, for the each recipient identifier in the e-mail:

if a recipient identifier does not comprise an e-mail address, ~~if the recipient identifier in the e-mail that identifies the intended recipient of the e-mail does not comprises the e-mail address,~~ removing the recipient identifier that does not comprise an e-mail address from the e-mail, printing the e-mail,

printing postage on an envelope, printing a street address associated with the recipient identifier on the envelope, and subtracting a cost of the postage from an account associated with an originator of the e-mail;

and

in response to the determining, if the recipient identifier in the e-mail comprises the e-mail address, retaining the recipient identifier in the e-mail;

sending the e-mail, if the e-mail comprises the e-mail address; and

sending the e-mail, if any other recipient identifier remains in the e-mail after the removing;

if a recipient identifier does comprise an e-mail address, retaining the recipient identifier comprising the e-mail address in the email;

wherein the removing, the printing of the postage, the printing of the street address, the subtracting, and the retaining are performed by the email application; and

sending by the e-mail application the e-mail to recipient identifiers retained in the e-mail if any recipient identifier comprising an e-mail address is retained in the e-mail after the determining and the removing.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising:

a processor; and

memory encoded with instructions, wherein the instructions execute steps comprising of: when executed on the processor comprise:

receiving by an e-mail application an e-mail from a client, wherein the e-mail comprises [[a]] at least one recipient identifier, wherein the at least one recipient identifier identifies an intended recipient of the e-mail;

determining by the e-mail application whether each recipient identifier including the at least one
[[the]] recipient identifier in the e-mail that identifies the intended recipient of the e-mail comprises an e-mail address;

in response to the determining, for the each recipient identifier in the e-mail;

if a recipient identifier does not comprise an e-mail address, if the recipient identifier in the e-mail that identifies the intended recipient of the e-mail does not comprises the e-mail address; removing the recipient identifier that does not comprise an e-mail address from the e-mail, printing the e-mail, printing postage on an envelop, printing a street address associated with the recipient identifier on the envelop, and subtracting a cost of the postage from an account associated with an originator of the e-mail, and

in response to the determining, if the recipient identifier in the e-mail comprises the e-mail address, retaining the recipient identifier in the e-mail;

sending the e-mail, if the e-mail comprises the e-mail address; and

sending the e-mail, if any other recipient identifier remains in the e-mail after the removing, and

if a recipient identifier does comprise an e-mail address, retaining the recipient identifier comprising the e-mail address in the email;

wherein the removing, the printing of the postage, the printing of the street address, the subtracting, and the retaining are performed by the email application;

sending by the e-mail application the e-mail to recipient identifiers retained in the e-mail if any recipient identifier comprising an e-mail address is retained in the e-mail after the determining and the removing; and

determining whether to perform the removing, the printing the e-mail, and the printing the street address based on an option associated with an address book.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joshua Joo who telephone number is 571 272-3966. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan J. Flynn can be reached on 571 272-1915.

September 10, 2008
JJ

/Nathan J. Flynn/ SPE 2154